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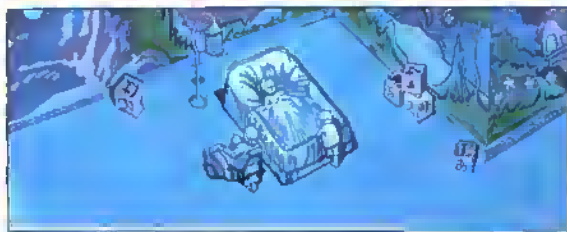
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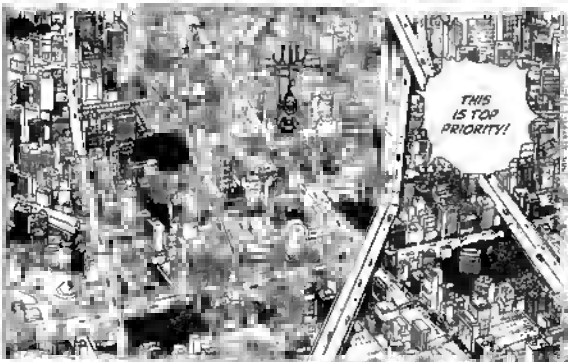
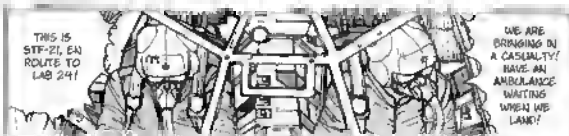
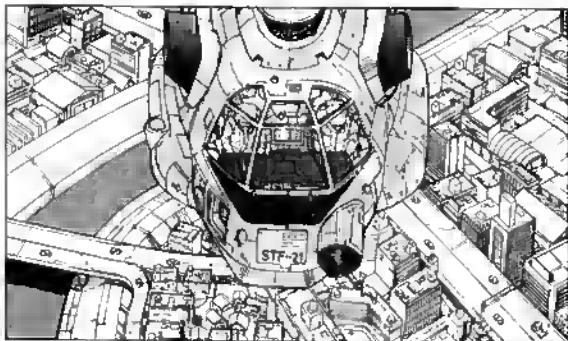


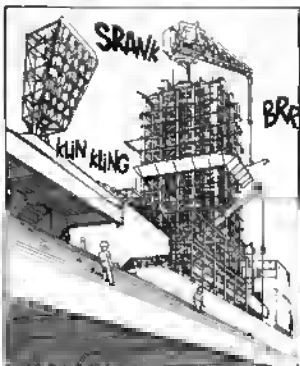
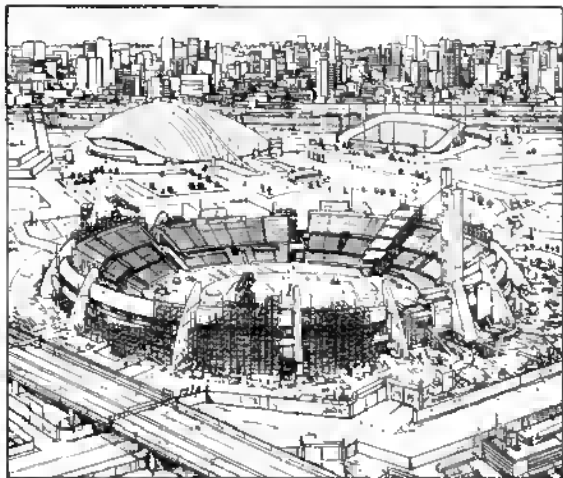


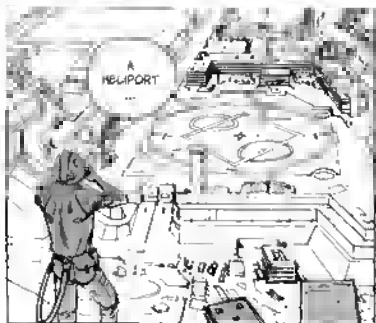
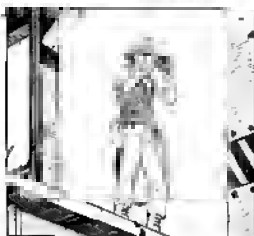
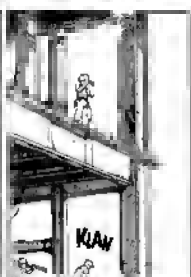


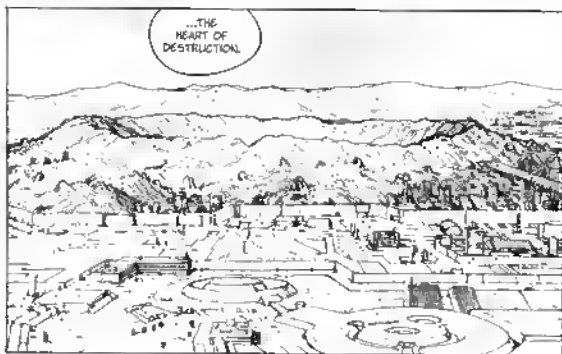
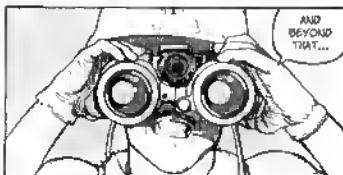
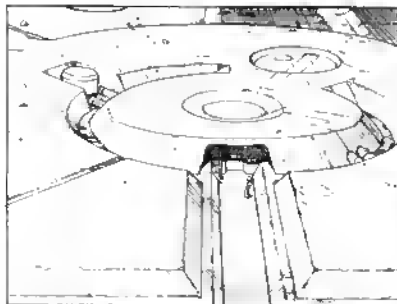


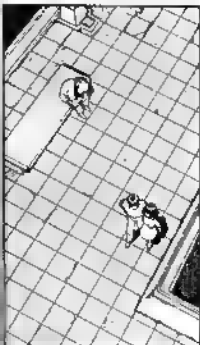




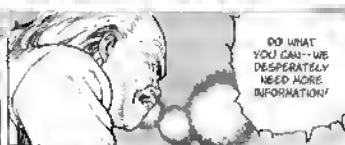
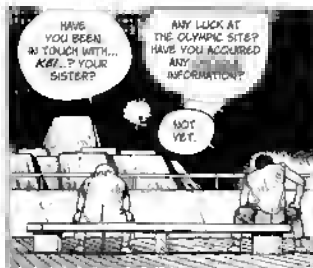


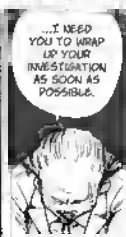
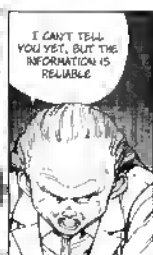


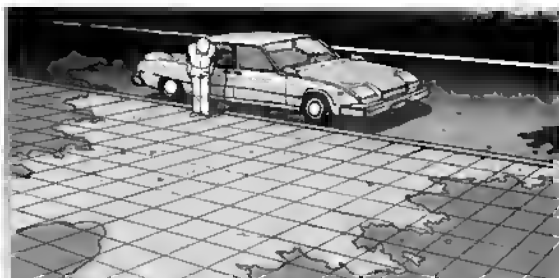


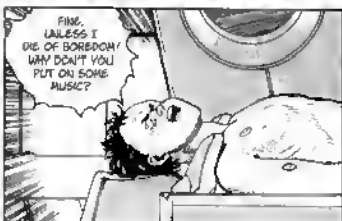
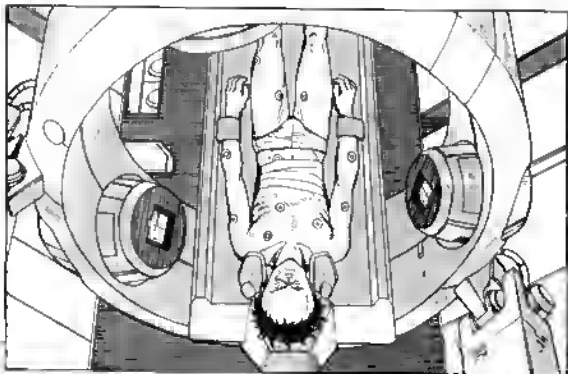


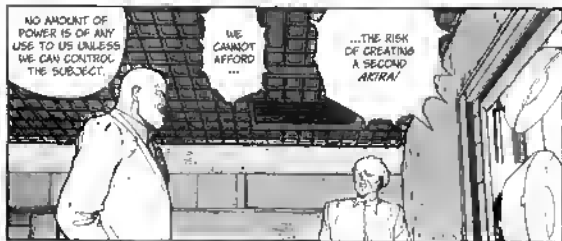
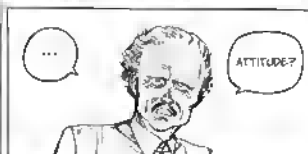
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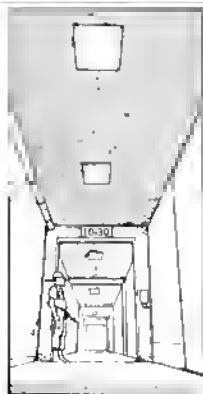
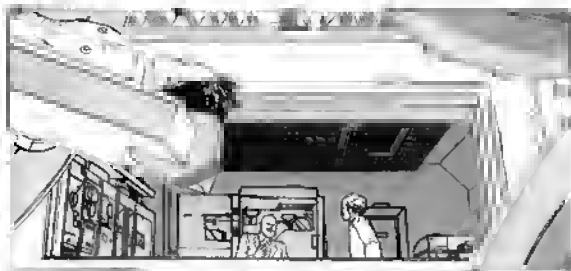




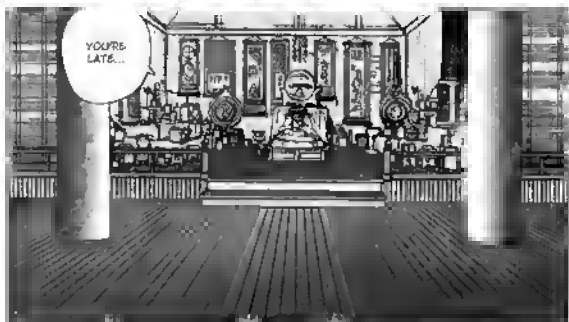








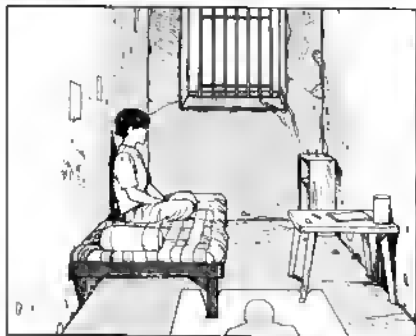
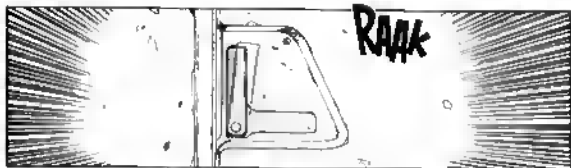




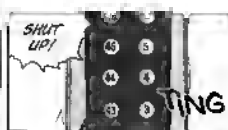
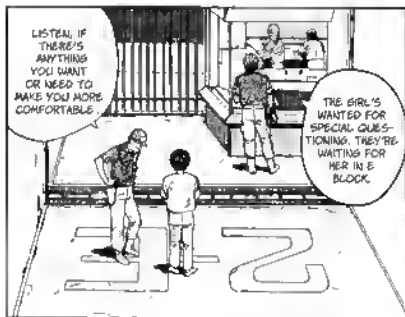


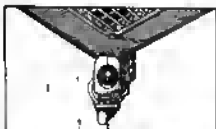






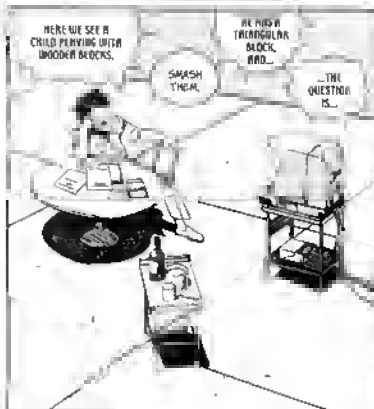


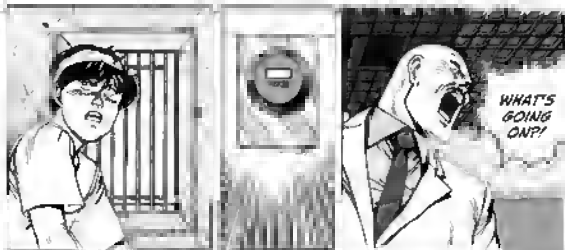
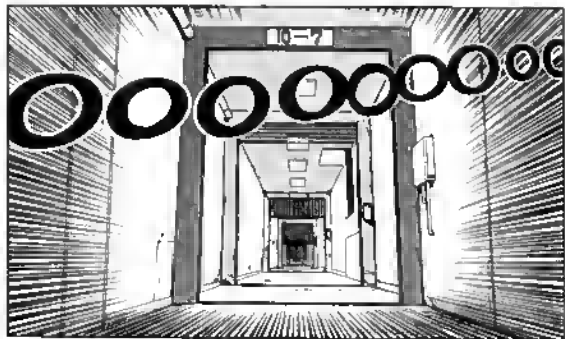




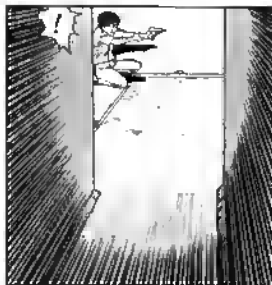




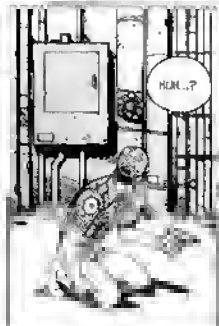


















YOUR
OPINION
...?

WITHOUT PROPER
TESTS, THERE'S
NO POINT IN EVEN
SPECULATING ABOUT
WHETHER OR NOT
SHE HAS THE
POWER



BUT, IF I MIGHT
SUGGEST... DIDN'T
YOU SAY SOMETHING
ABOUT A
BOY WHO WAS
BROUGHT IN
WITH HER...?

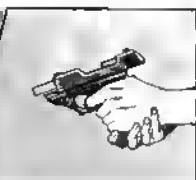


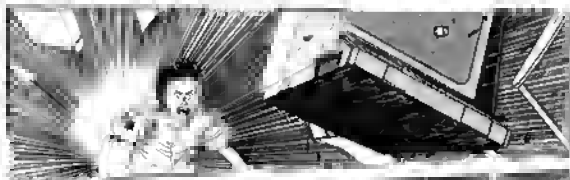


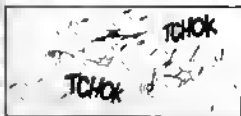


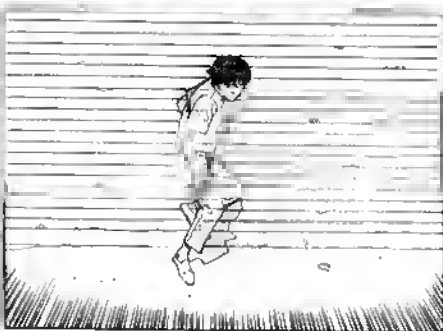
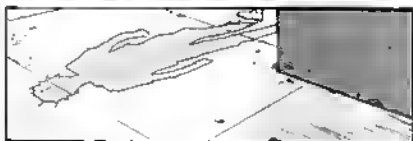
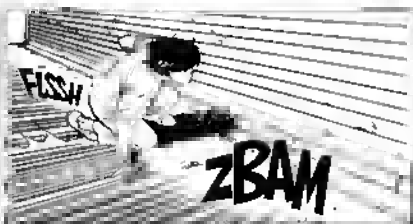
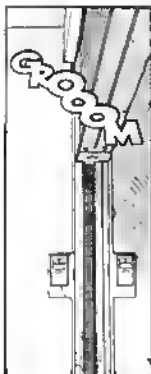


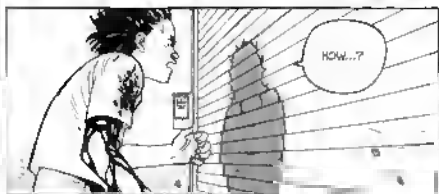
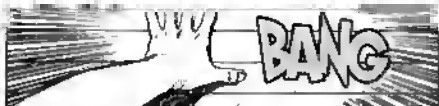
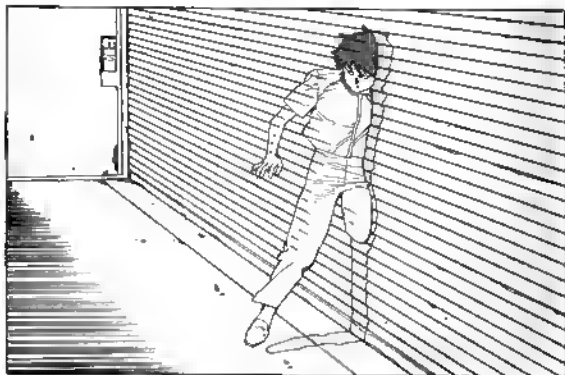






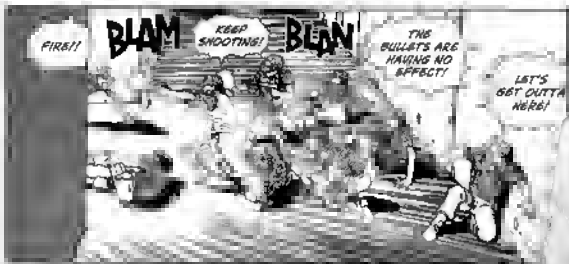










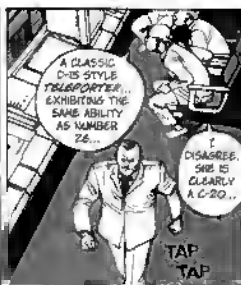
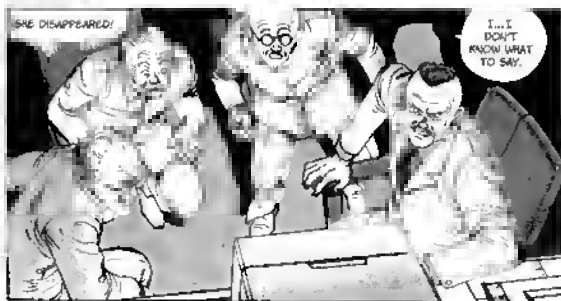


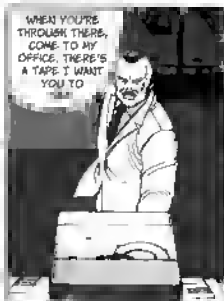










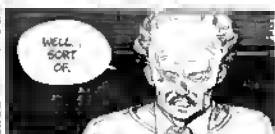




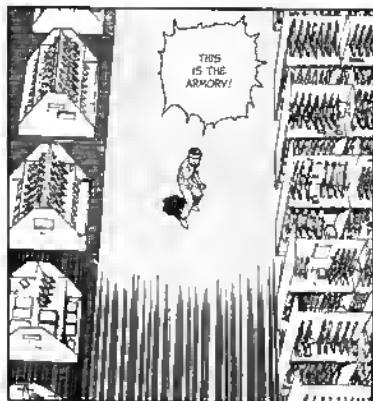


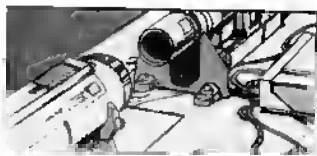
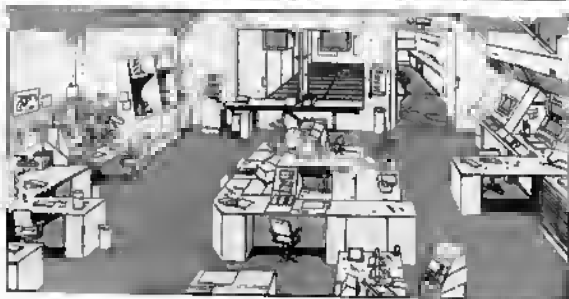


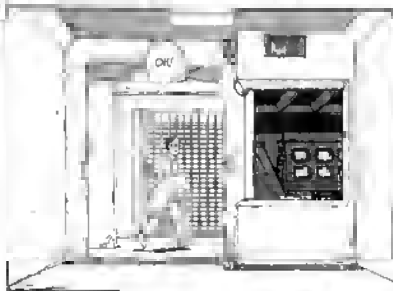
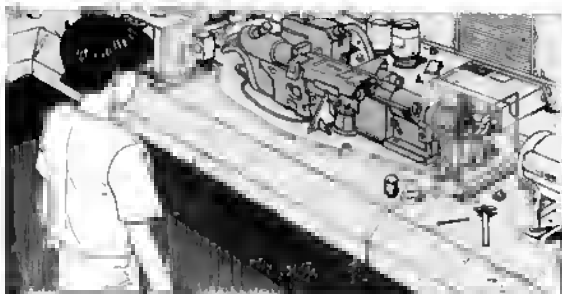


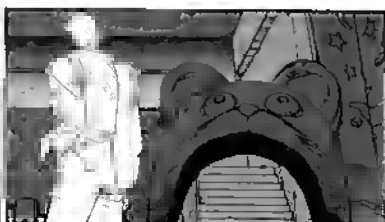


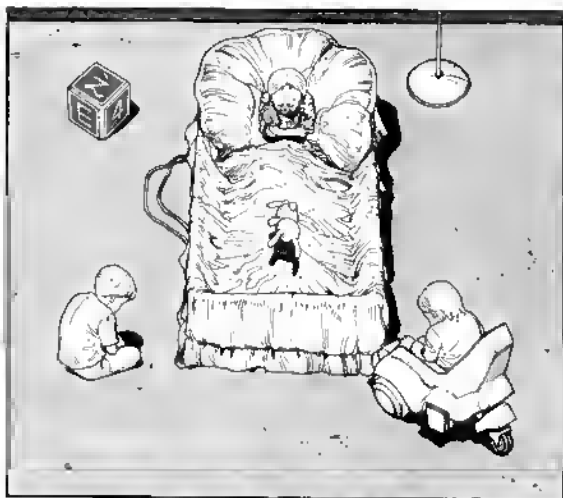


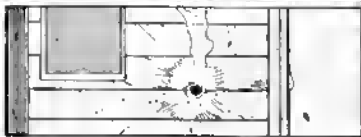








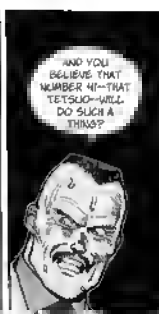






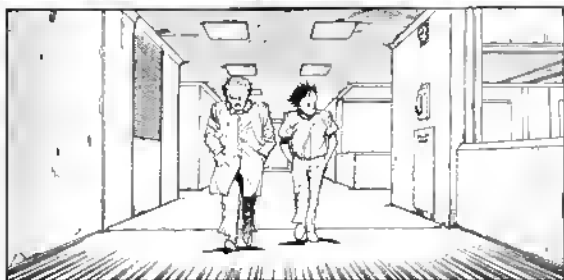




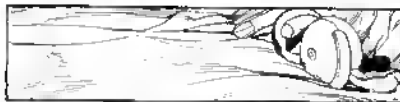


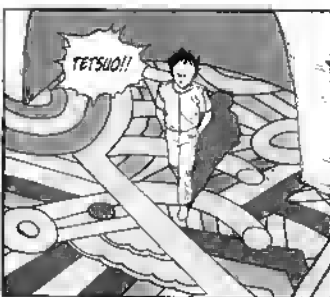












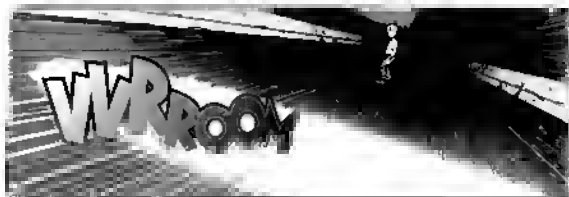
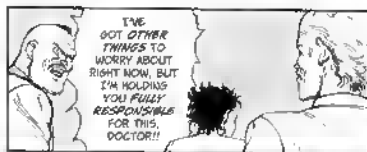




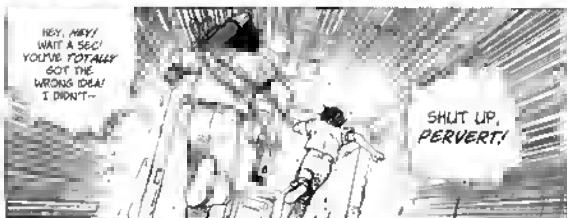






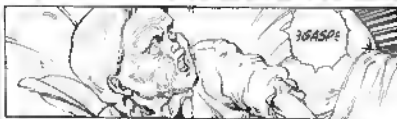


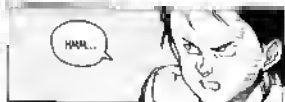
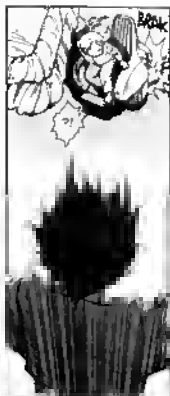




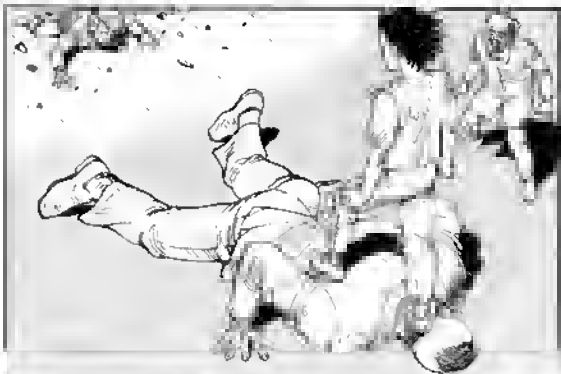




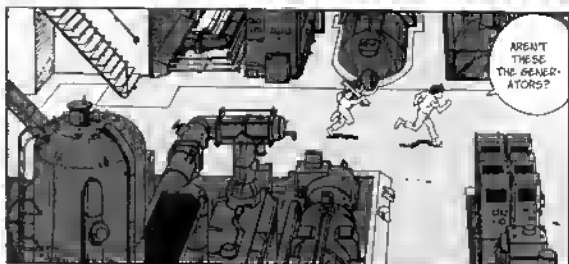
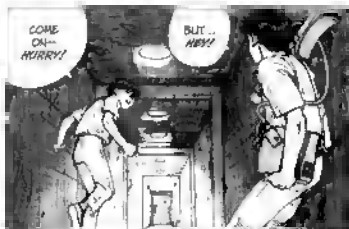














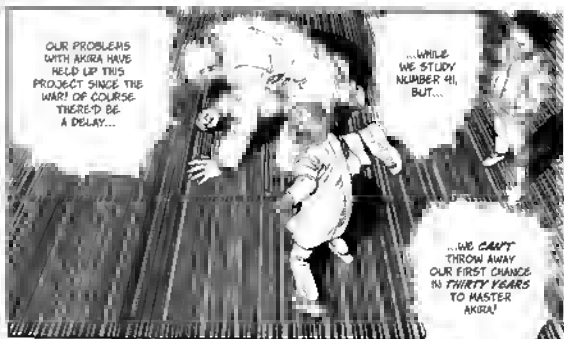




IT WAS YOU TWO, WASN'T IT?

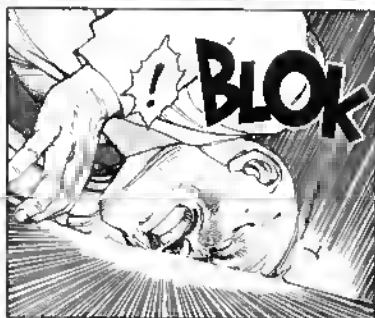


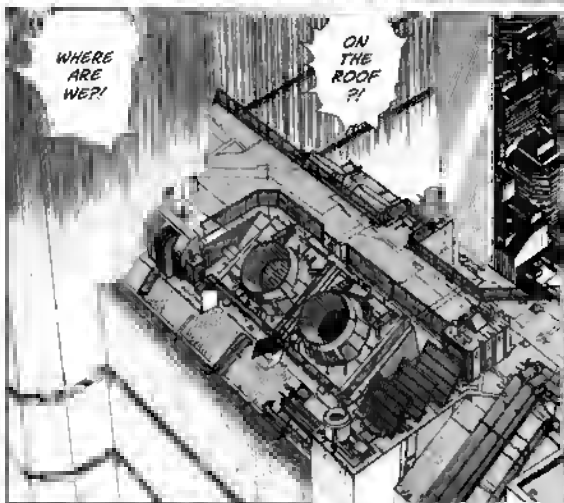


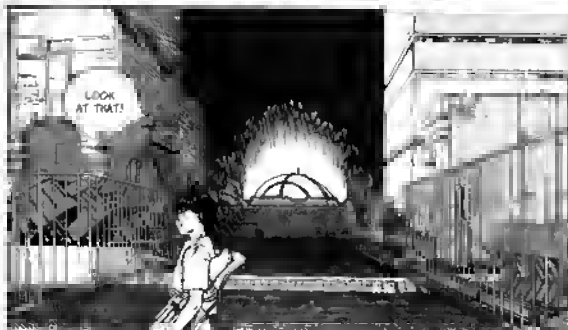
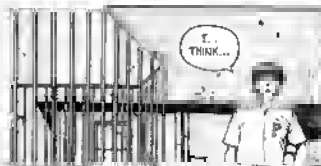


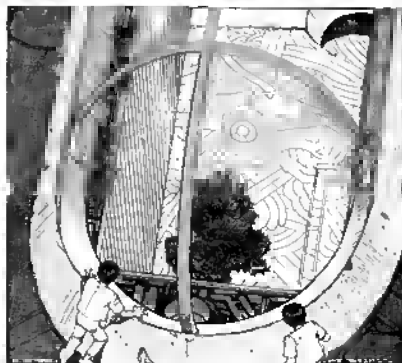
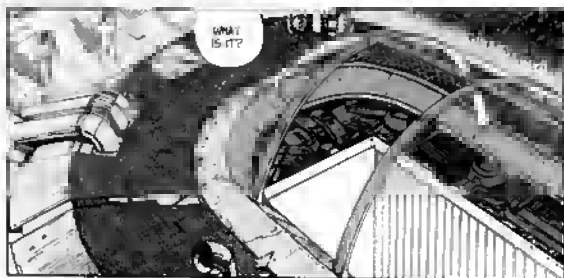




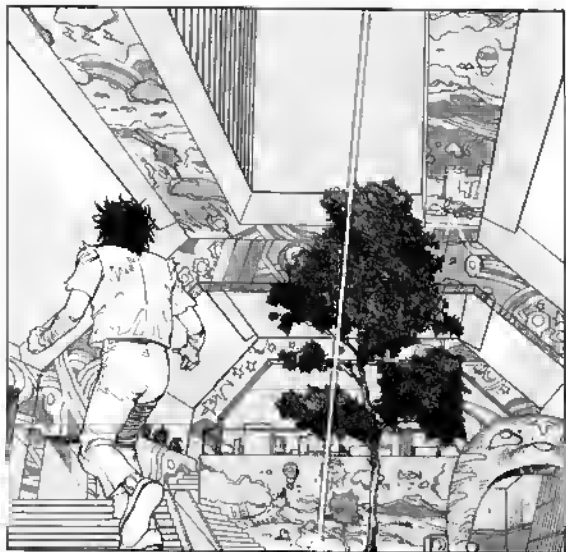




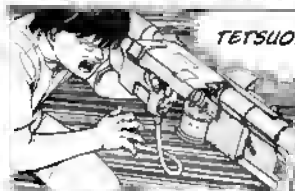


















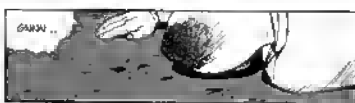










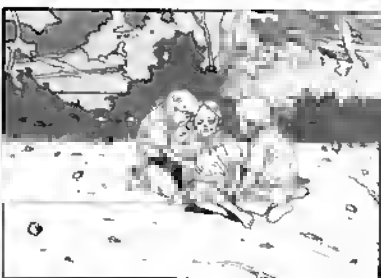


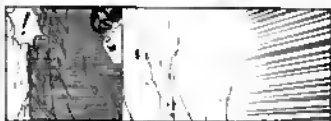






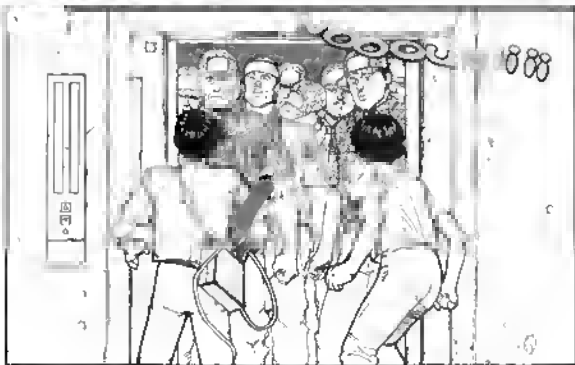






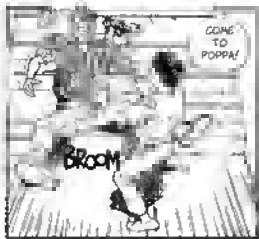




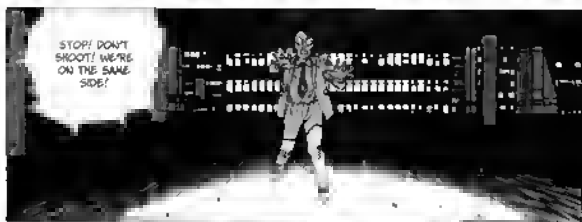
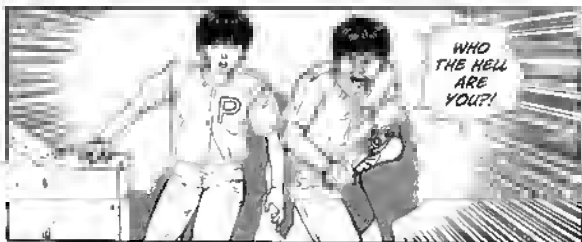


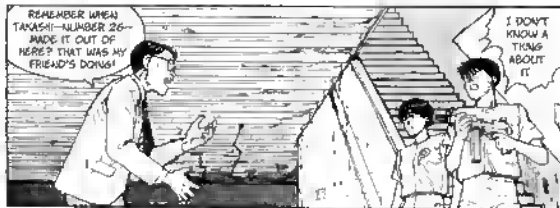


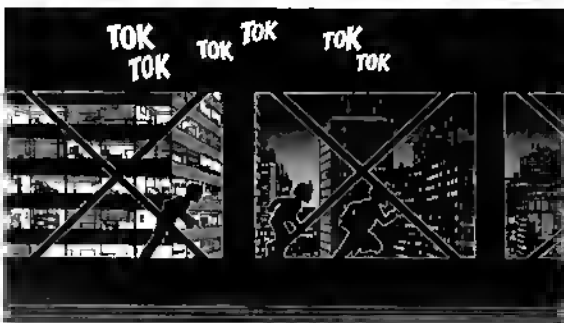














THE MAIN
PANEL IS
FRIED—EVERY
BREAKER IS
SHORTED
OUT!

CLIMATE
CONTROL
AS WELL?

WHAT'S
WITH THE
EMERGENCY
POWER?

YEAH...
TOTAL MELT-
DOWN.

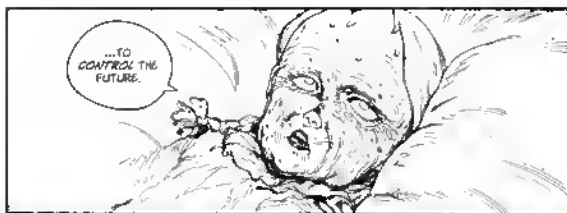


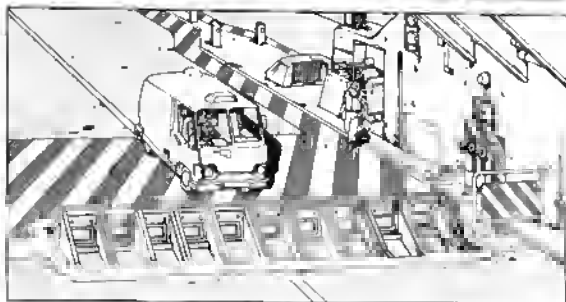
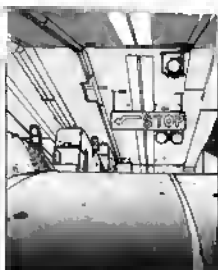
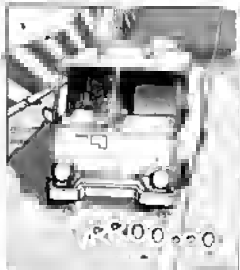
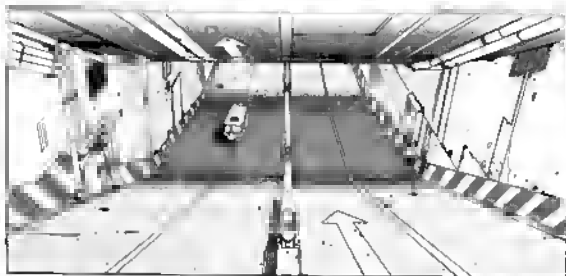
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ALREADY ON
BUT WE GOTTA
REROUTE
IT!

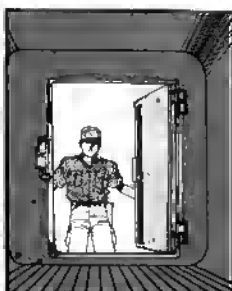
CAN YOU
BYPASS THAT
BUS...?

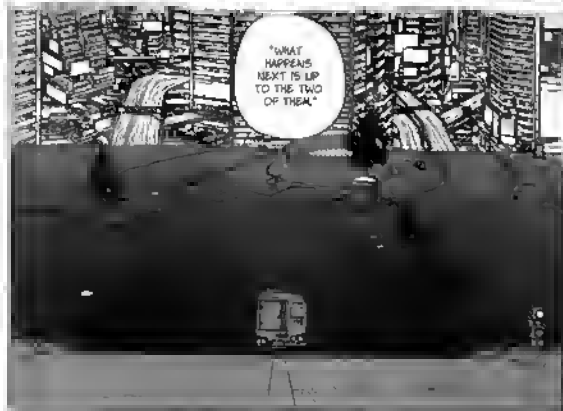


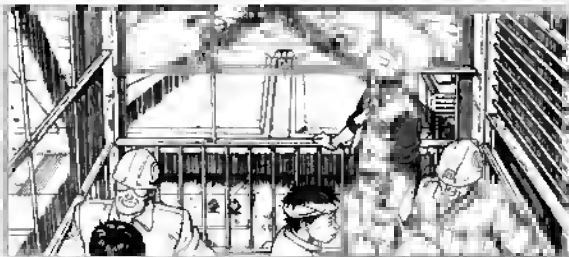
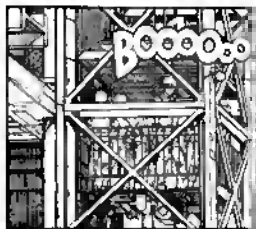
WE
MUST
TRY...

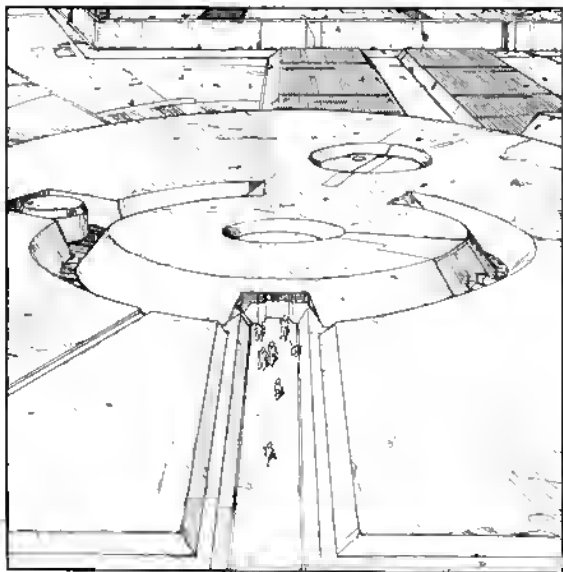


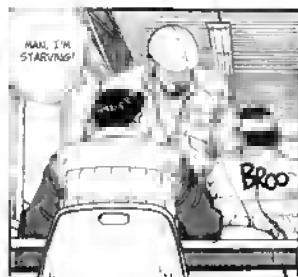
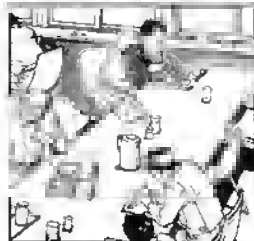
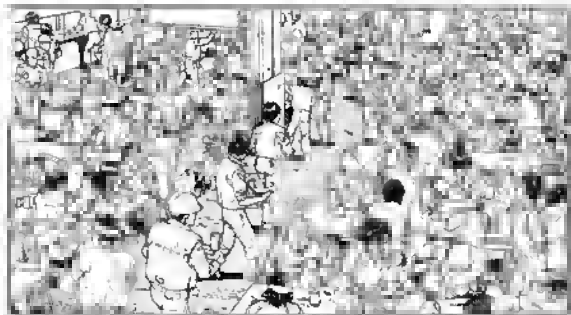


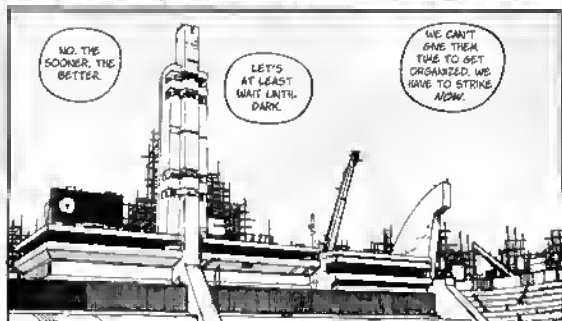
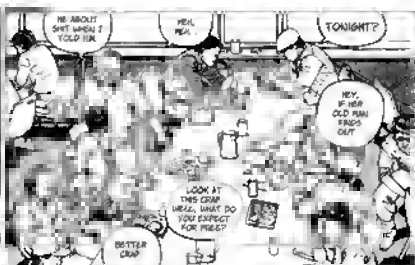


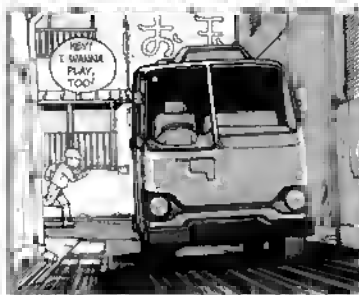








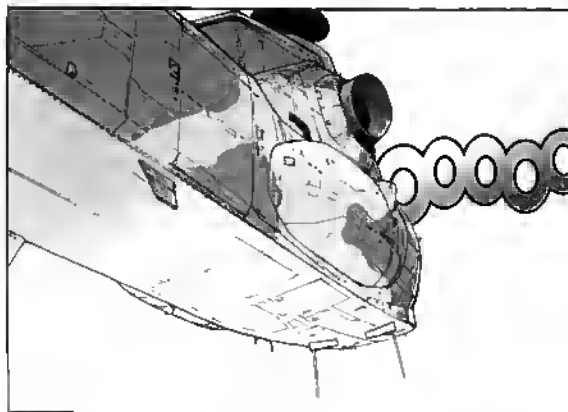




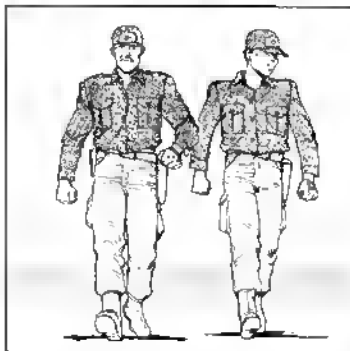
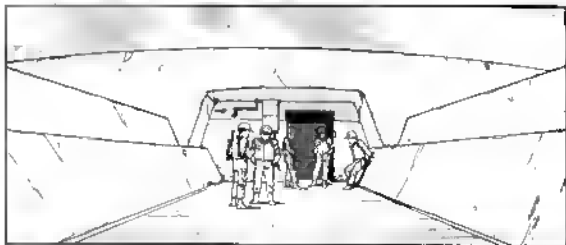


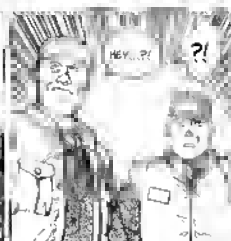
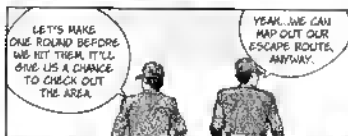


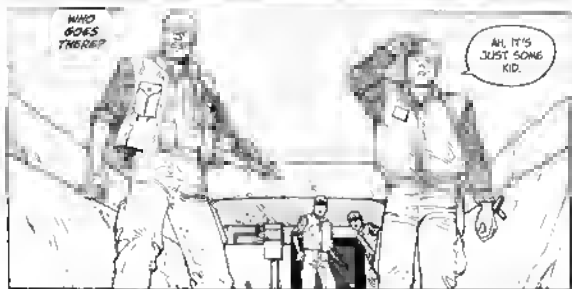




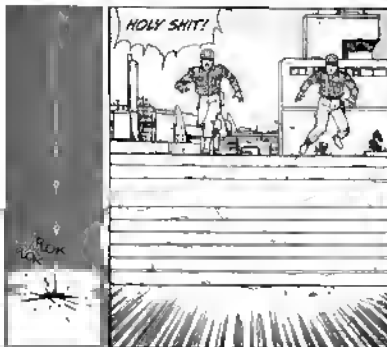
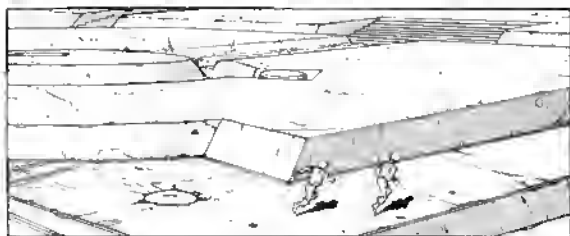


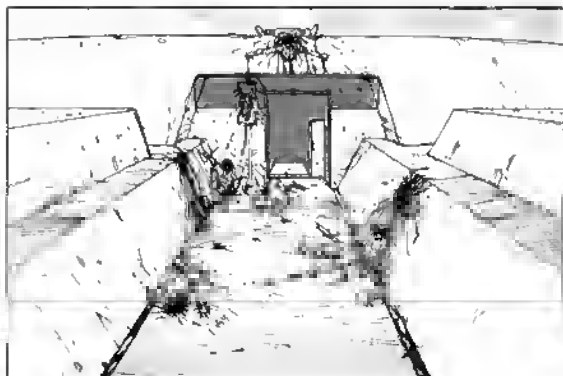


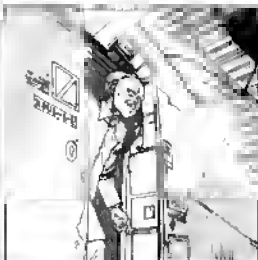


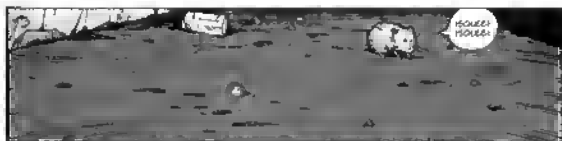


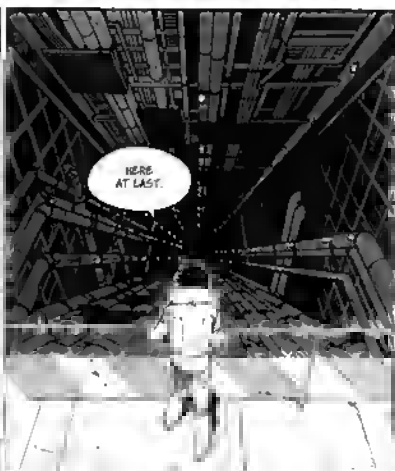


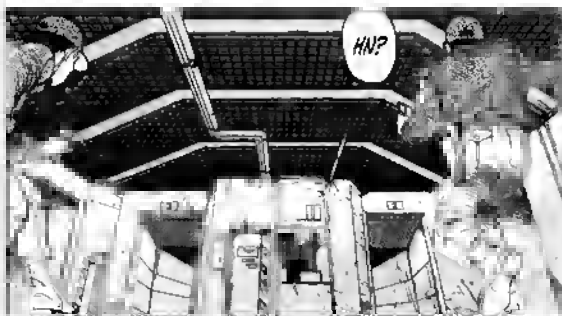
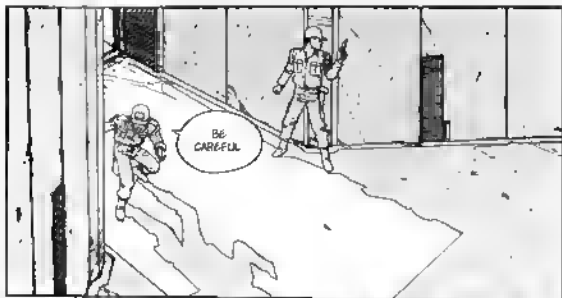


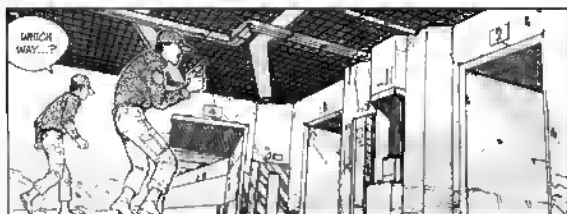


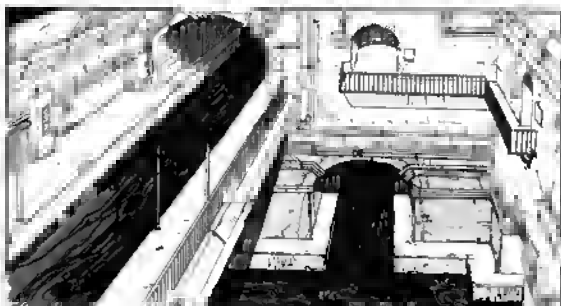


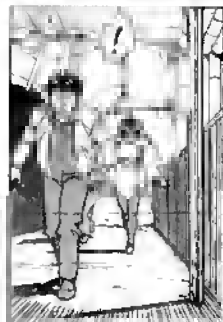


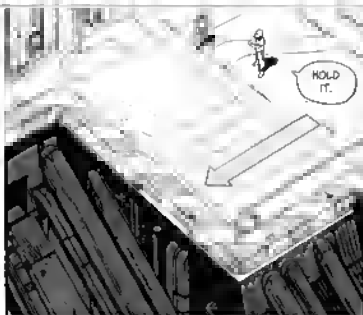


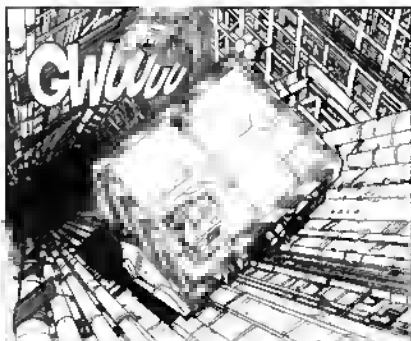


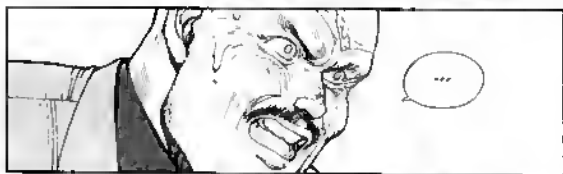


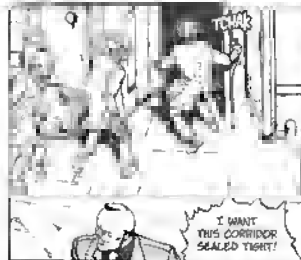


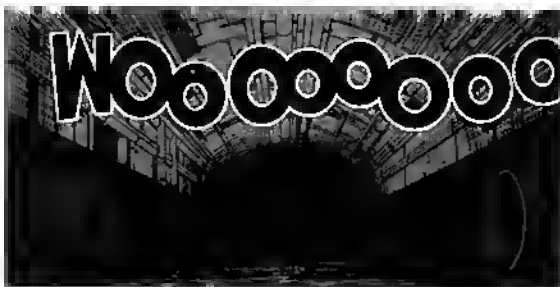


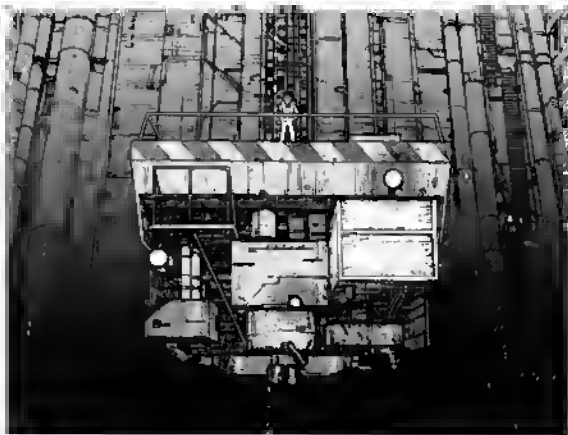
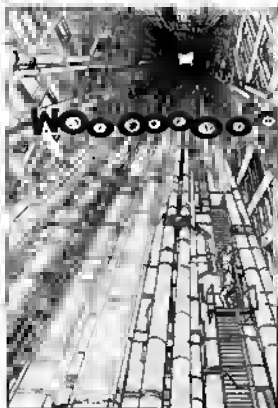














WELL...?



SO FAR AS
WE CAN TELL,
SIR, NOTHING'S
WRONGS WITH THE
SYSTEM.
AKIRA IS
FINE.



IT COULDN'T
HURT TO GO
DOWNSTAIRS
AND CHECK
IN PERSON.



NOW
SOON TILL
THE ELEVATOR
REACHES
BOTTOM?



SIR!

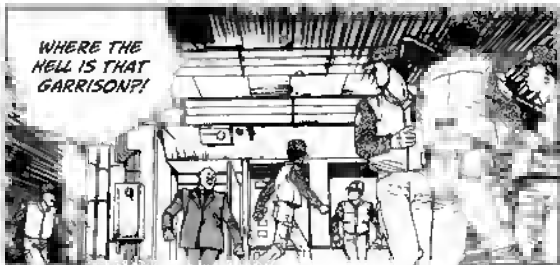
IT JUST PASSED
LEVEL BF35, WHICH
GIVES HIM AN E.T.A. OF
FIFTEEN MINUTES
FROM NOW.

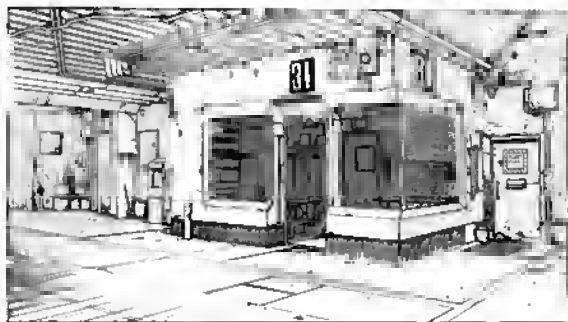


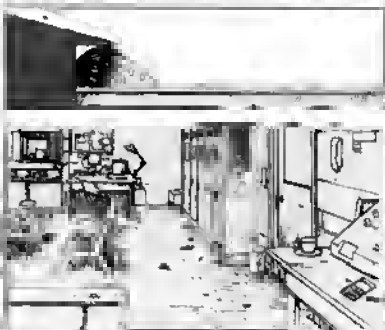
WOOF



WHERE THE
HELL IS THAT
GARRISON?!







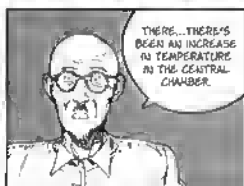
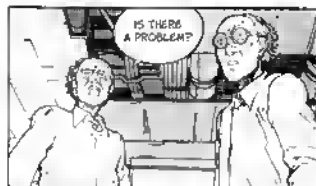
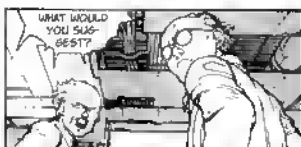


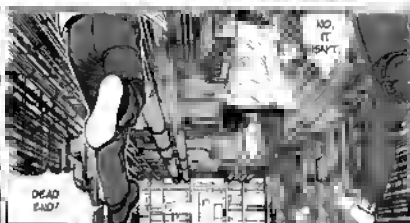


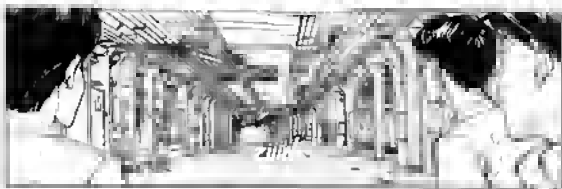




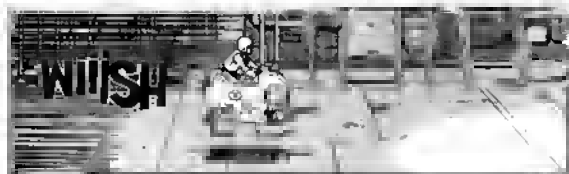


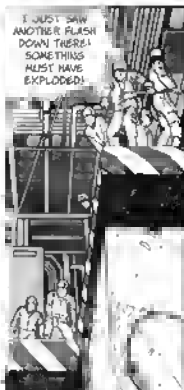
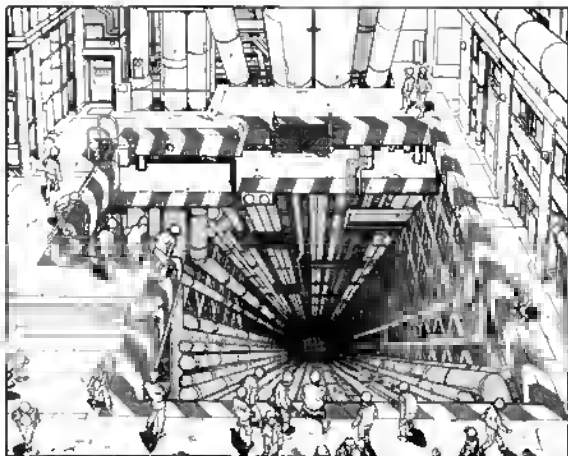












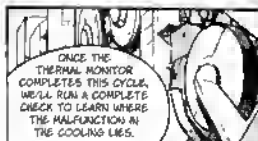
I JUST SAW
ANOTHER FLASH
DOWN THERE!
SOMETHING
MUST HAVE
EXPLODED!



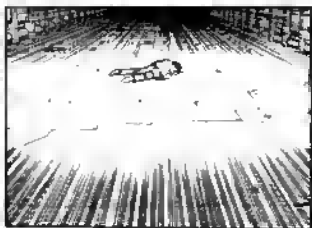
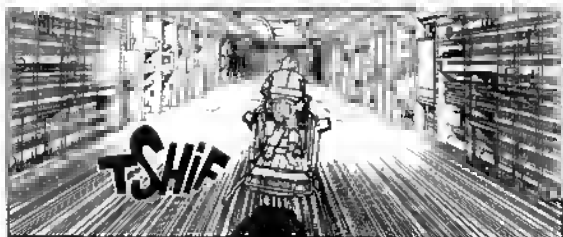
MAIN FORCE
TO FLYING
SQUADRON,
DO YOU
COPY? COME
IN, PLEASE!

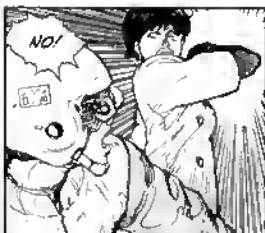


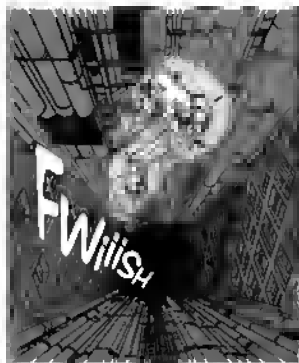
BRAM
BROM

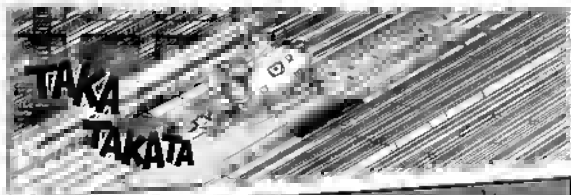




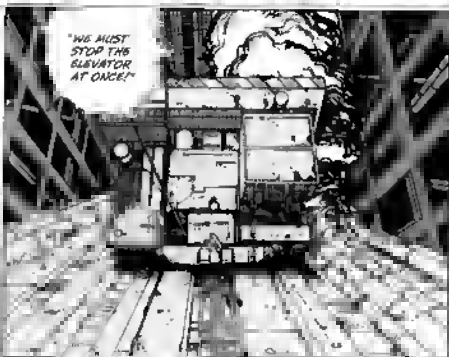




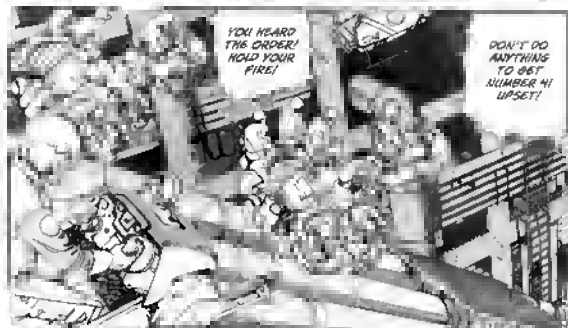






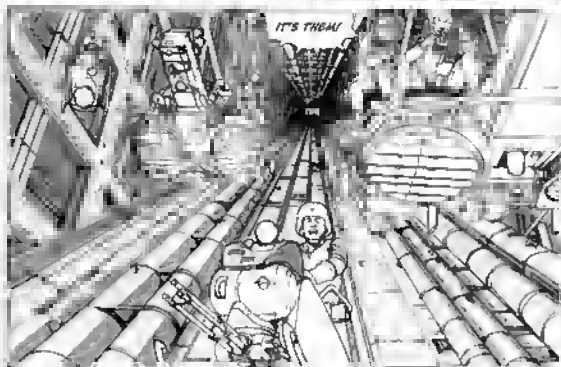




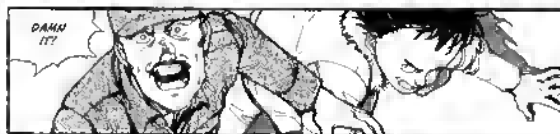








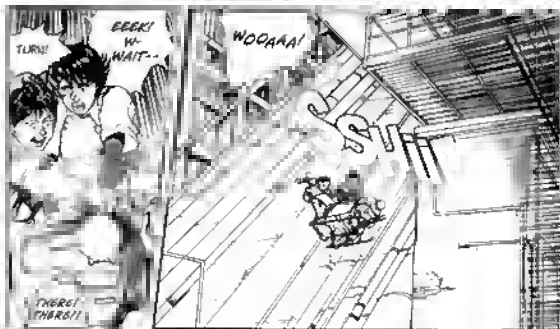
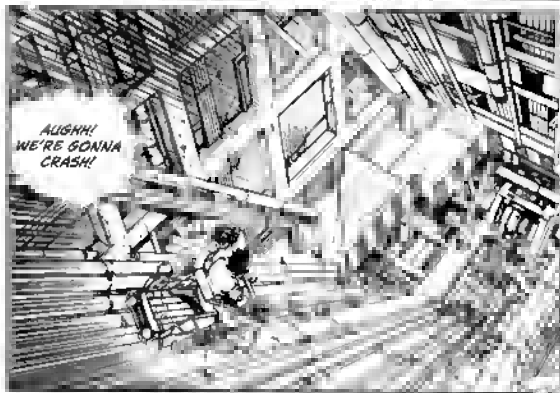


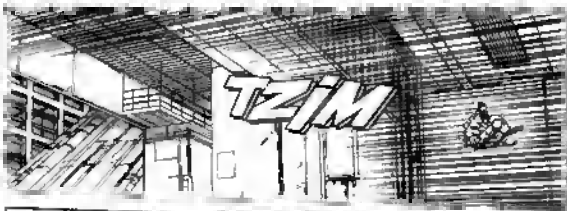






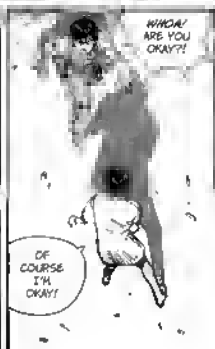








I'VE
GOT TO
GET BACK
TO RYU!



WHOA!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!

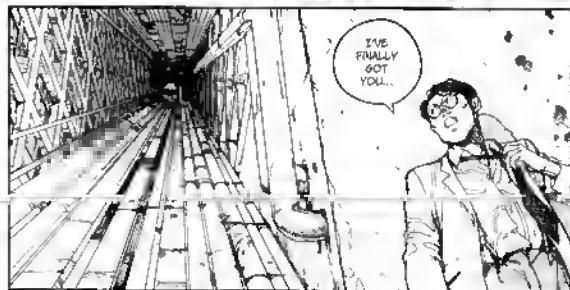
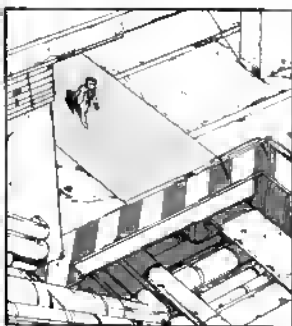
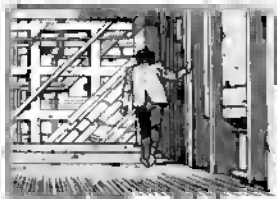
OF
COURSE
I'M
OKAY!

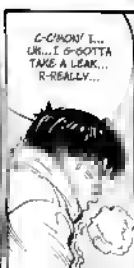
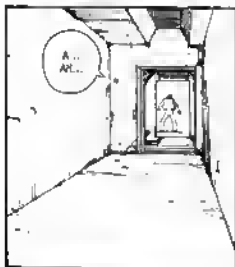










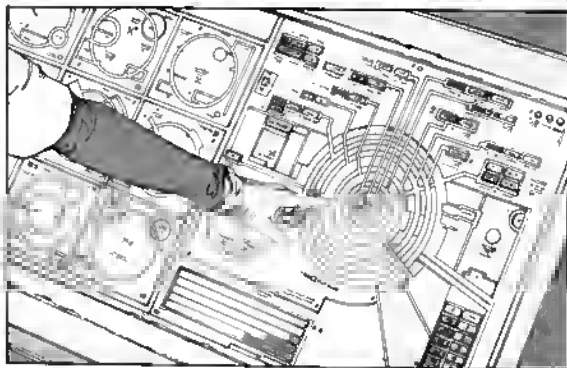




AH?
AAH!!



KANEDA,
LOOK!



S-SO
WHAT...?

THAT'S
WHERE WE'LL
FIND NUMBER
28!





YOU MEAN...
THAT'S WHERE
AKIRA IS?



EXACTLY! JUST
LIKE THAT LITTLE
GIRL TOLD
US!

...

EXCUSE ME
FOR ASKING, BUT...
JUST WHAT THE
HELL IS "AKIRA
ANYWAY?

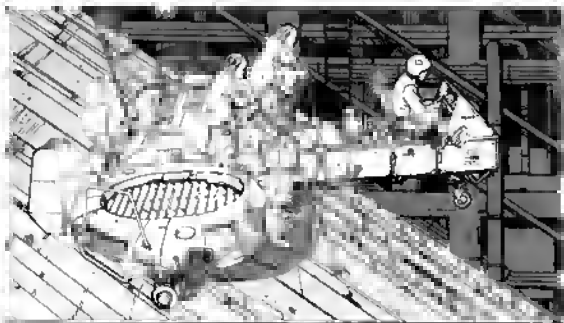
THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE HERE
TO FIND
OUT.



SHIT...
THIS SETUP
LOOKS LIKE
A MAZE.

I DUNNO...
GOOD LUCK,
WE FIND
AKIRA.

BAD LUCK,
WE RUN INTO
SKINHEAD AND
HIS GOONS.



WHILE I'M ALIVE, NO
ONE IS TO SHOOT
WITHOUT MY DIRECT
ORDER.

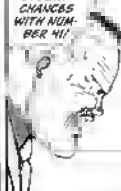


AND
IF YOU ARE
FORCED TO
FIRE...

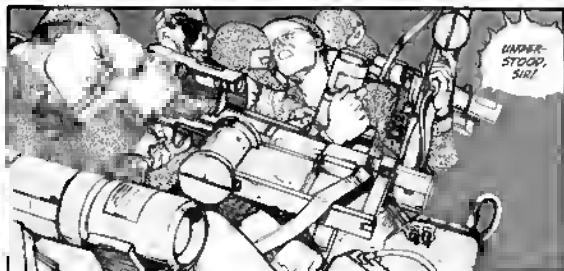


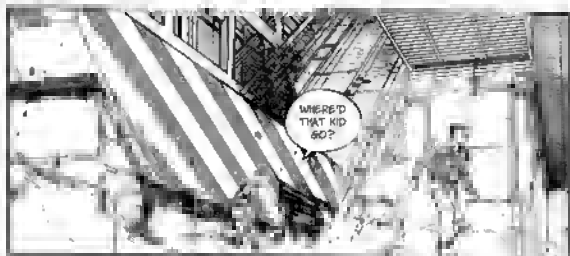
...YOU
MUST KILL
HIM WITH
THE FIRST
SHOT!

THERE
WILL BE NO
SECOND
CHANCES
WITH NUM-
BER 41!



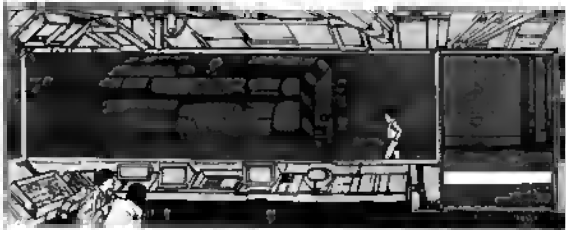
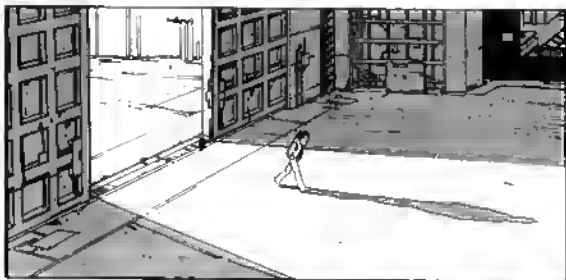
UNDER-
STOOD,
SIR!

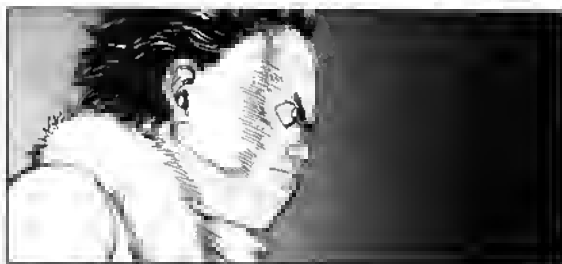
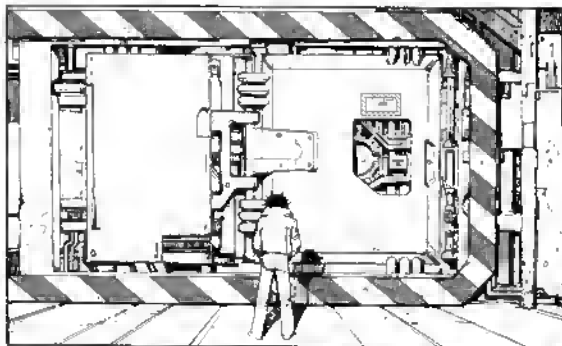




TOOM



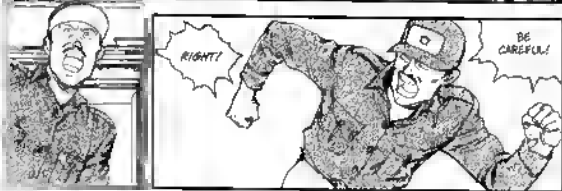




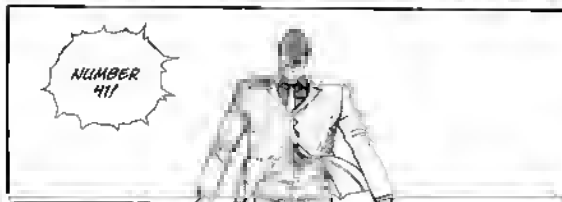
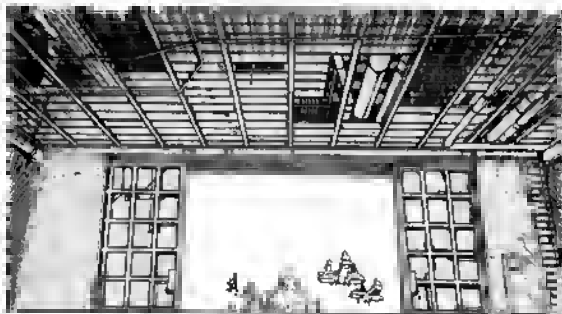


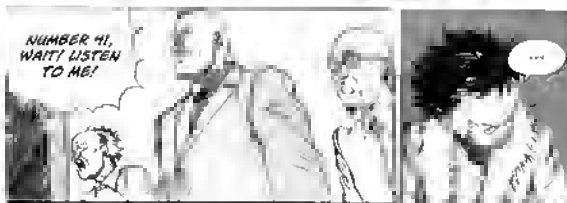




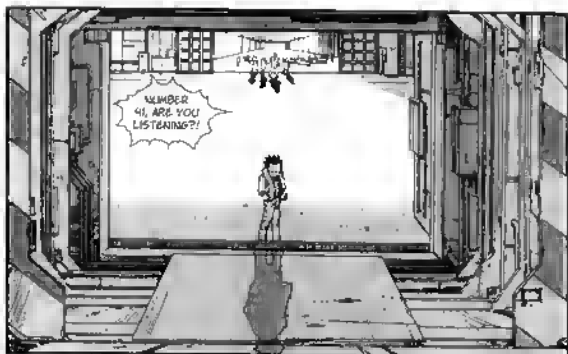


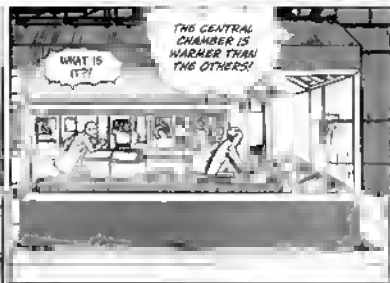
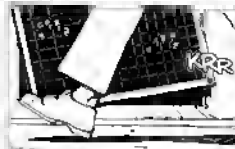
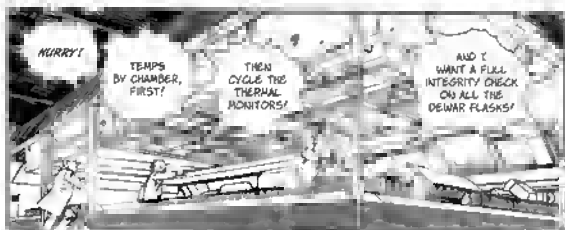


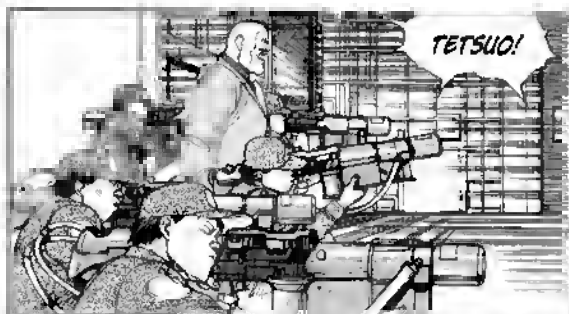


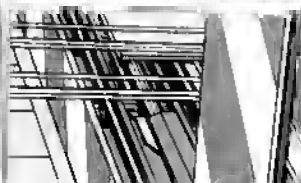


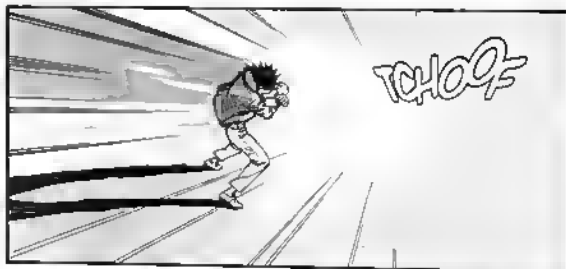


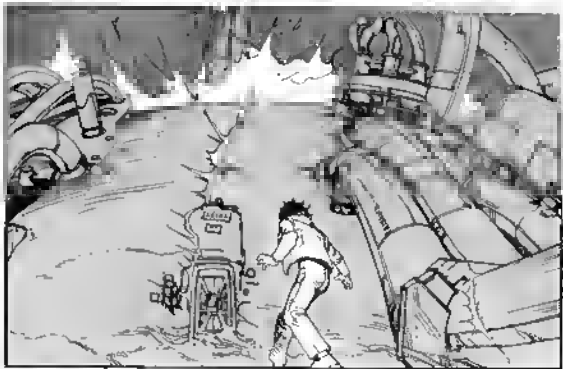
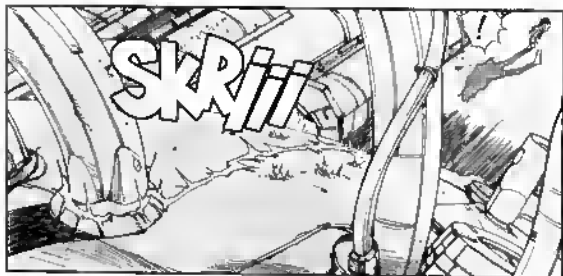


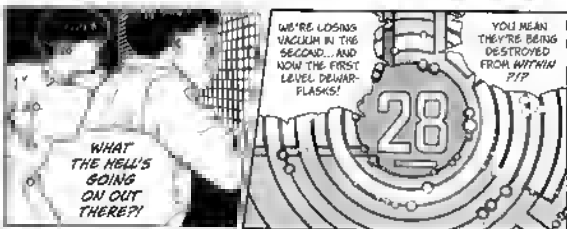
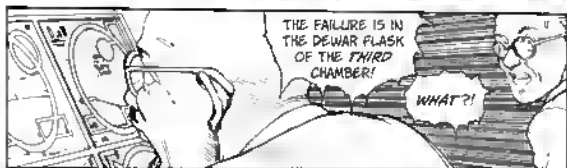


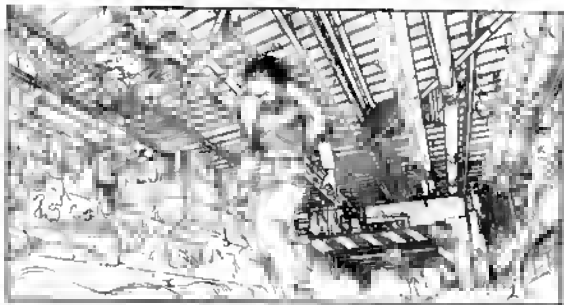
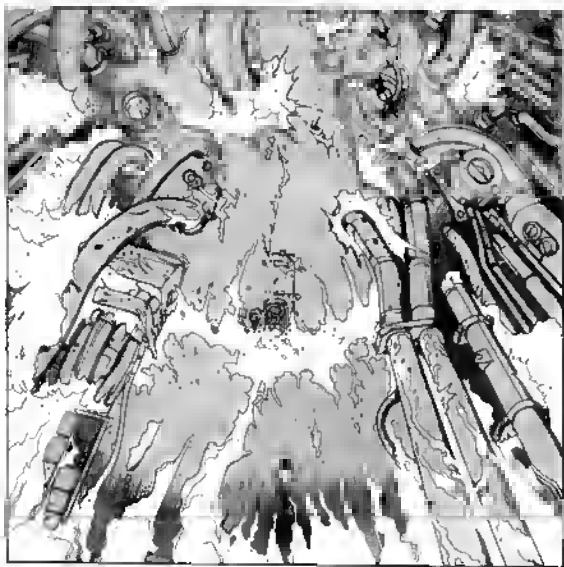






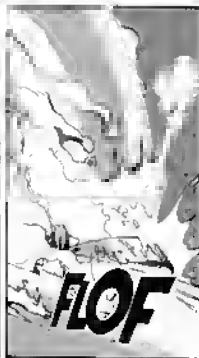


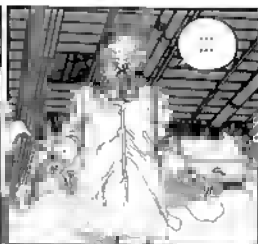
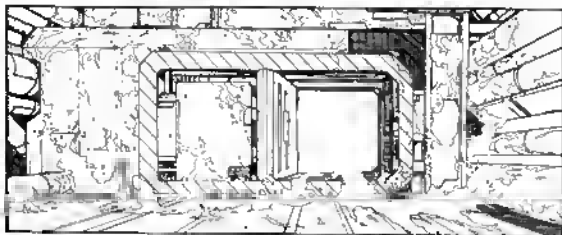






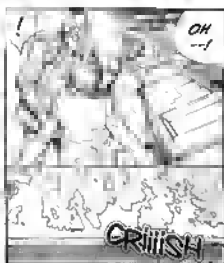
STAY CALM! TAKE
CAREFUL! ACH! WE
CAN'T AFFORD
TO MISS!

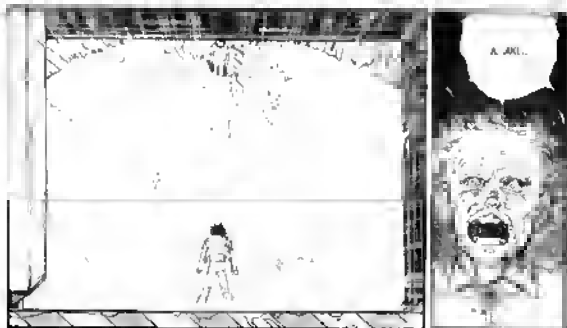
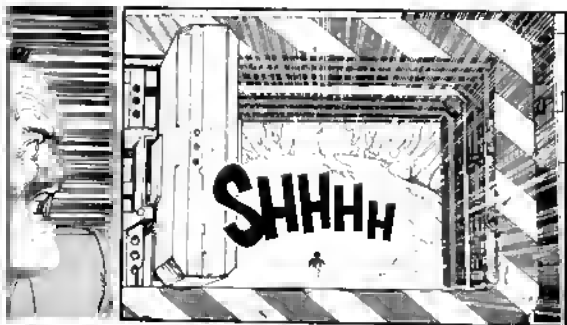






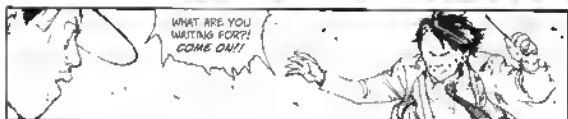




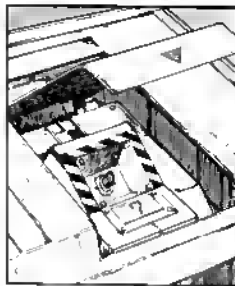


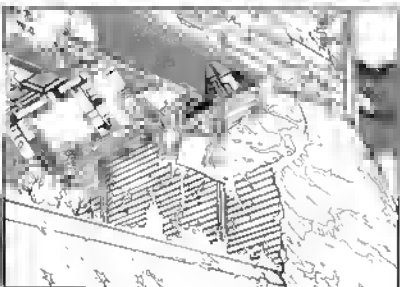


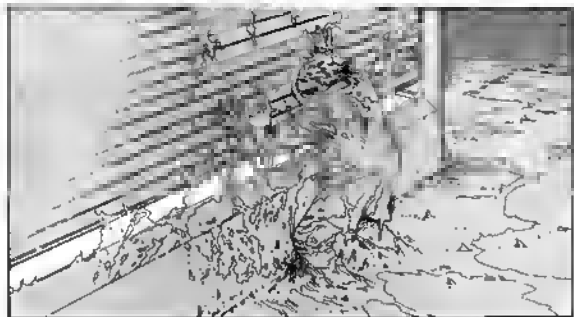






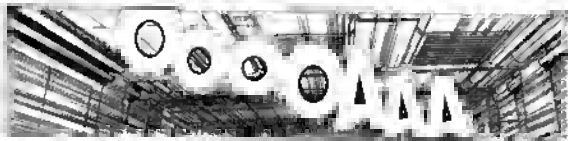














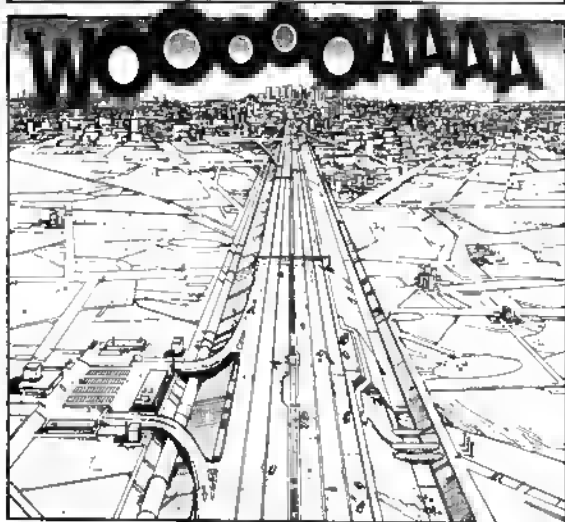
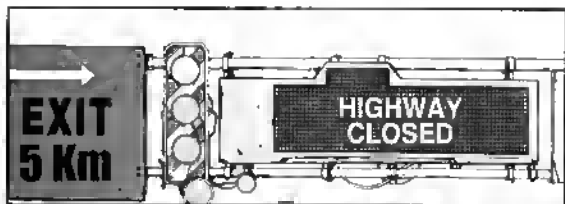
YOU HEAR THAT? A CODE SEVEN ALERT—WHAT-
EVER'S UP, THE BRASS
RANKS IT AS WORSE
THAN A NUCLEAR
ATTACK!



THE
PLAT-
FORM...
WE'RE
MOVING!

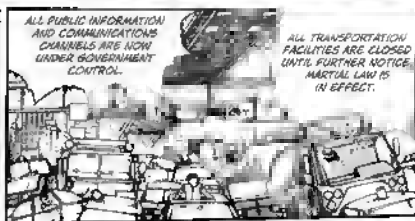


BUT I
THINK FOR
THE MOMENT
WE'RE SAFE
ENOUGH TO
SETTLE WHAT'S
BETWEEN
US.





...AND TWENTY-FOUR
MINUTES. THIS IS A
CODE SEVEN ALERT. A
STATE OF EXTREME
EMERGENCY
EXISTS.

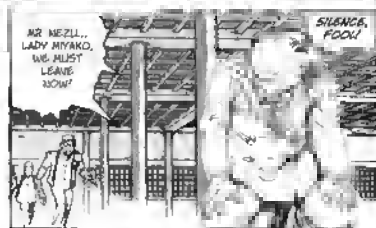
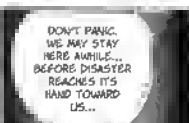


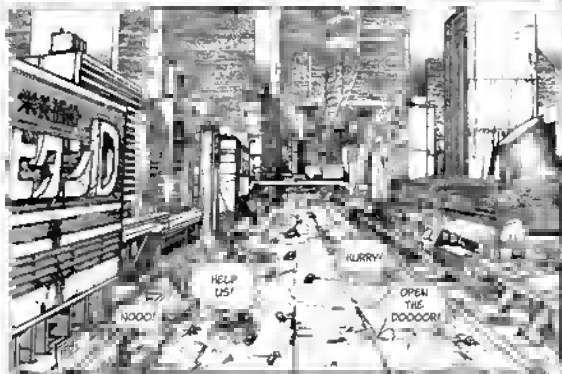
ALL PUBLIC INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS
CHANNELS ARE NOW
UNDER GOVERNMENT
CONTROL.

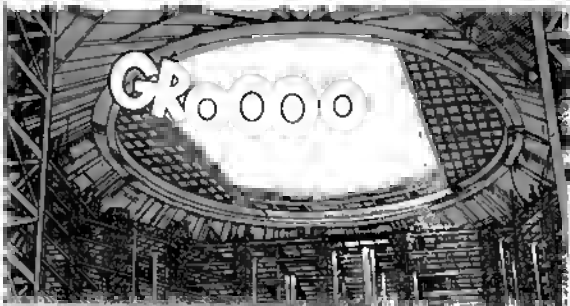
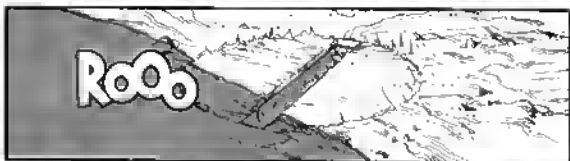
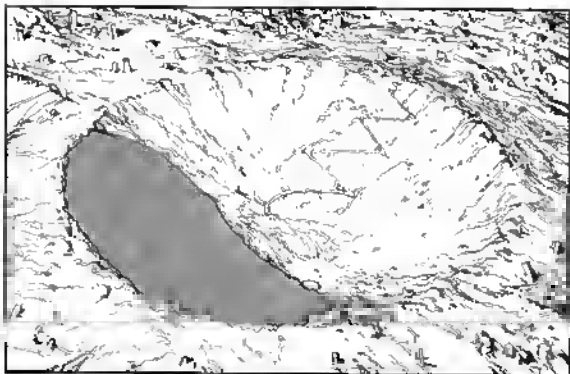
ALL TRANSPORTATION
FACILITIES ARE CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
MARTIAL LAW IS
IN EFFECT.

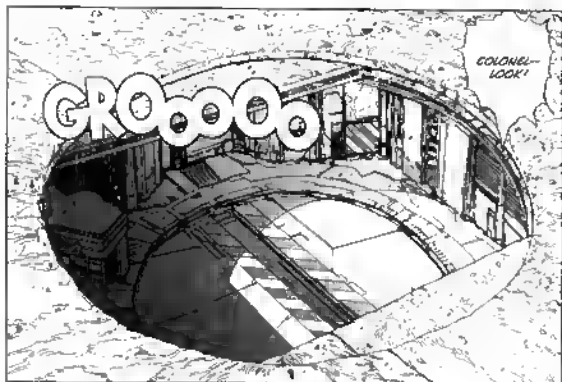


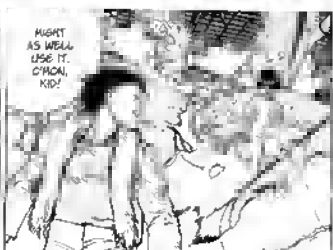
REPORT AT ONCE
TO YOUR ASSIGNED
EMERGENCY SHELTER.
THERE ARE TEN MINUTES
REMAINING UNTIL
SHELTER DOORS ARE
AUTOMATICALLY
CLOSED.

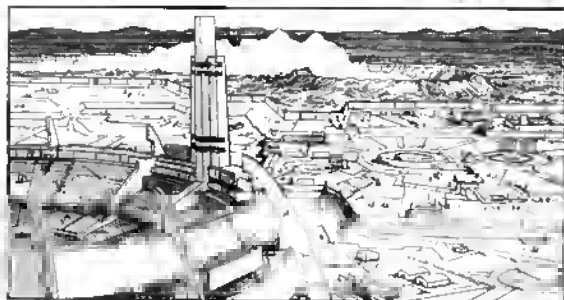
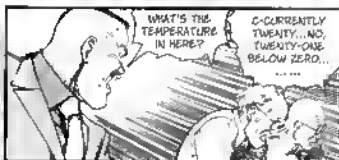








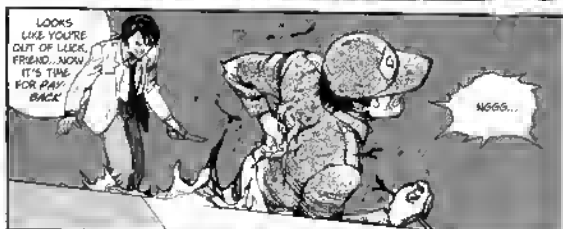


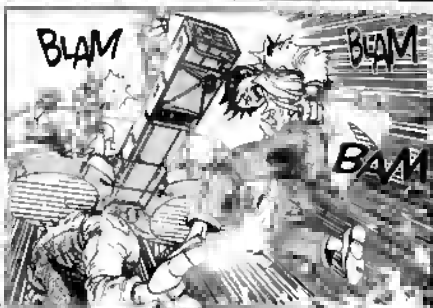


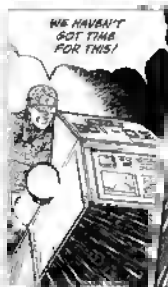
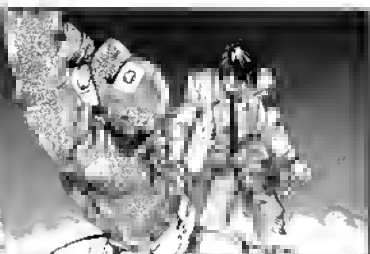


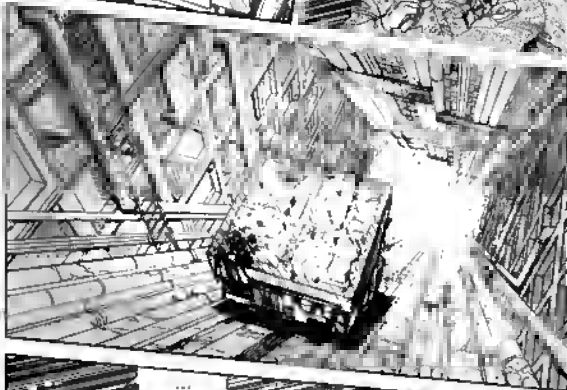


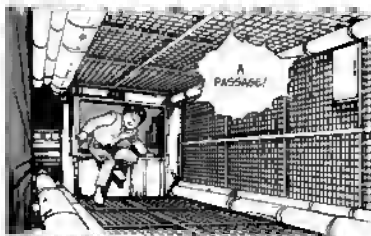








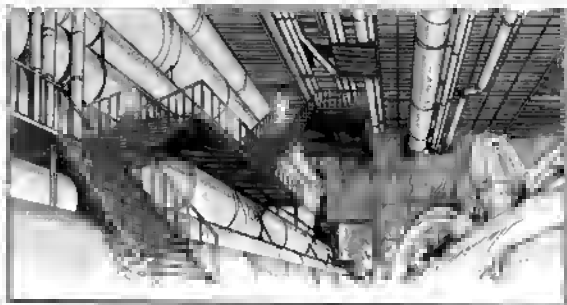




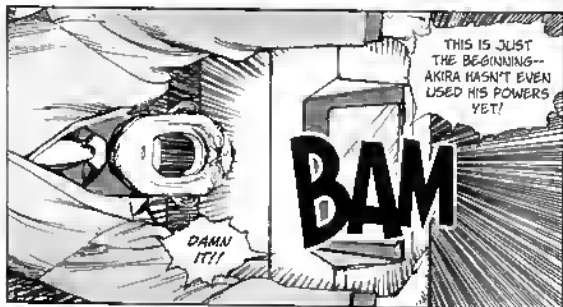


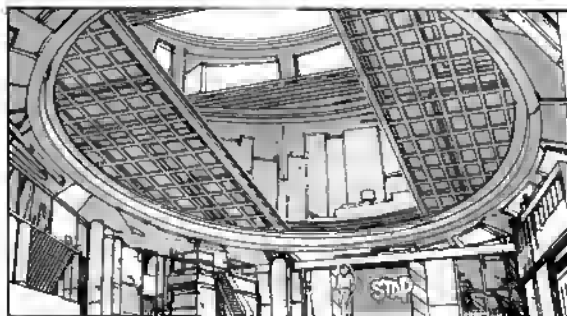
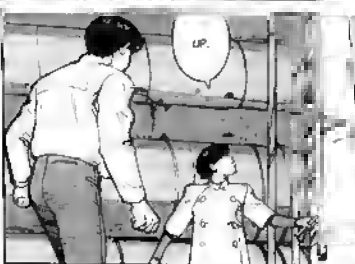
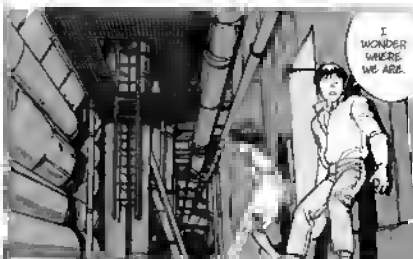
NOW! CHECK THE MONITORS! I WANT A REPORT ON THE WHEREABOUT OF NUMBER 41!

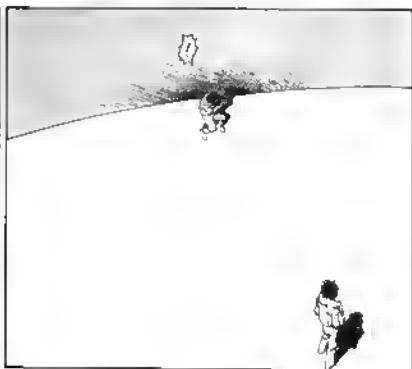




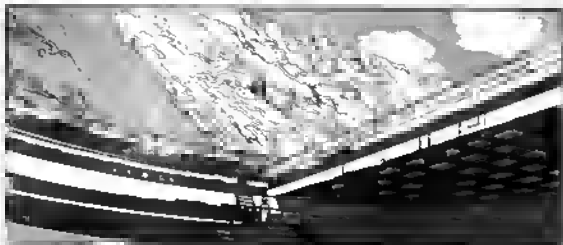




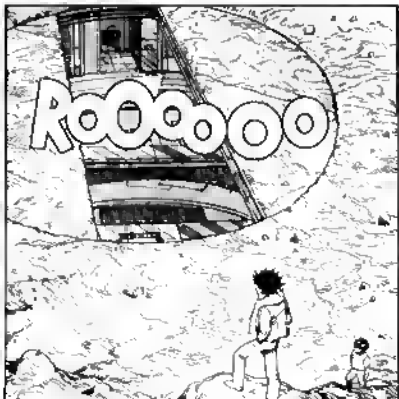


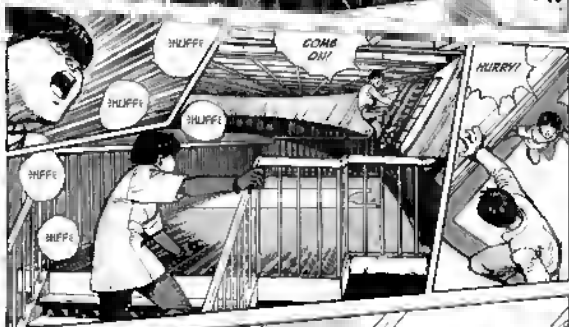
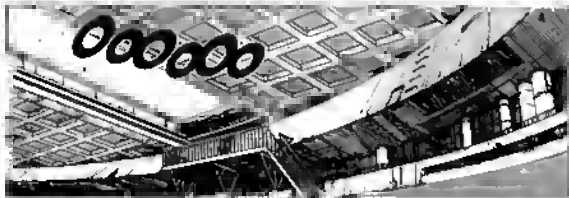


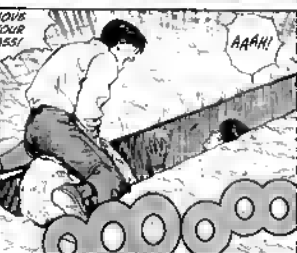






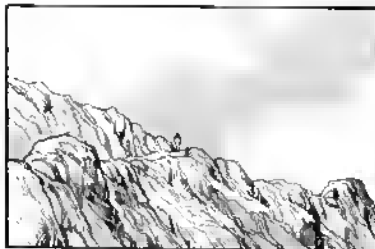


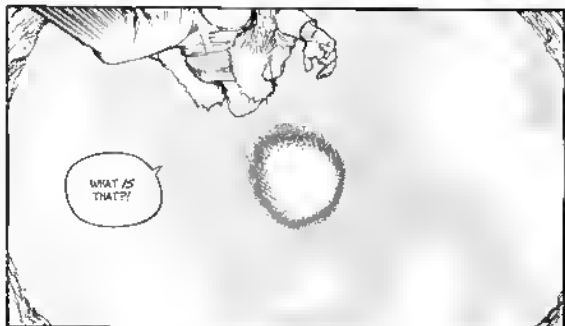




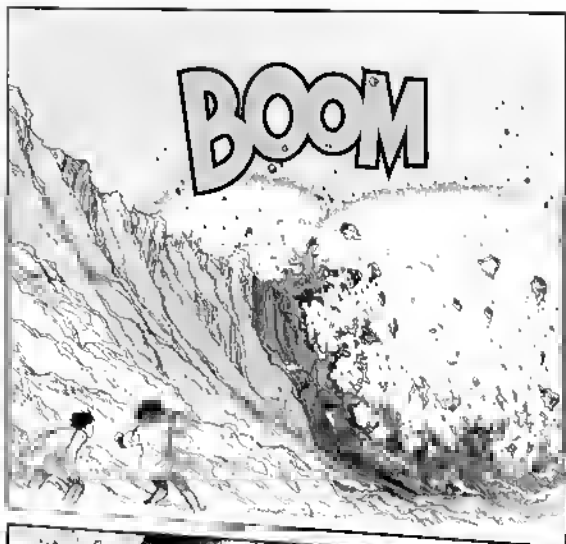




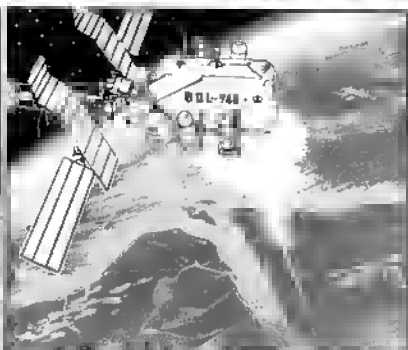
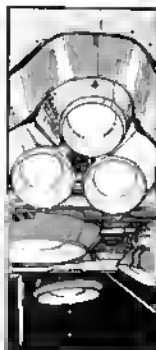
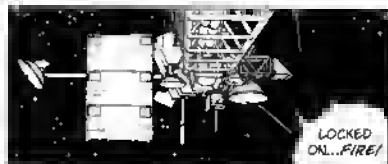
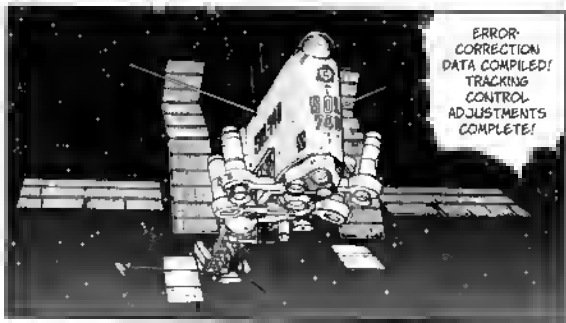




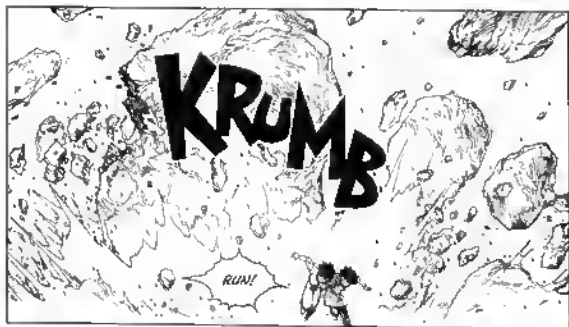


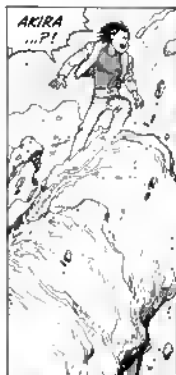


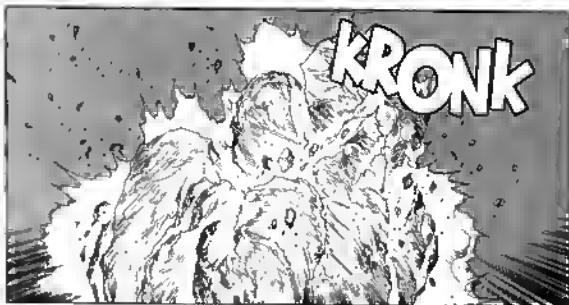
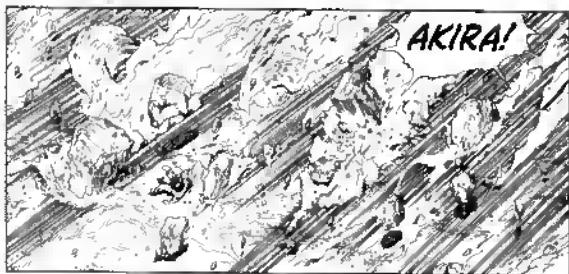


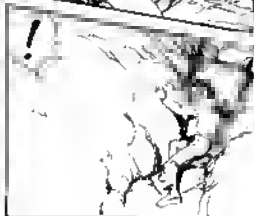


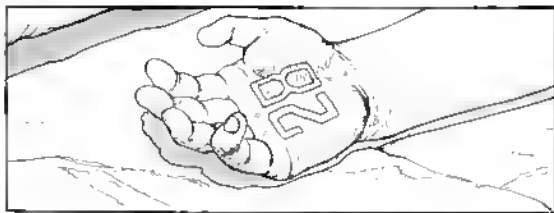
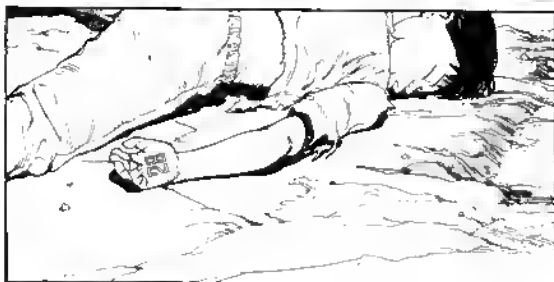




















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